

Mr. Harry Maitland, Jr., 76, of Middletown, Pennsylvania, was a celebrated police reporter and editor for my hometown newspaper, the Delaware County Daily Times. Mr. Maitland's 52 years on staff at the Daily Times was the longest in the newspaper's 126-year history.

Mr. Maitland was born in Chester and was a resident of Aston, Pennsylvania until moving to Middletown 48 years ago. A 1944 graduate of Chester High School, he attended the Pennsylvania Military College, now known as Widner University.

Mr. Maitland was only a sophomore when his long run at the Daily Times began. Starting his career as a sports correspondent, he was hired full-time in 1950 where he worked in a variety of positions. During World War II, Harry served in the communications section of the Air Force during the occupation of Germany. Drawing on his experiences in the military, Harry was put in charge of interviewing and writing stories of local Vietnam War survivors. A veteran and active member of the American Legion Post 926, he always maintained a special place in his heart for veterans. Harry was the author of a column called "In the Military" for many years.

Although writing about the hardships of war was not always a pleasant aspect of his life, war did provide him the opportunity to meet his wife, Ilse. During his military service in Germany, Mr. Maitland was stationed near Wiesbaden in January 1946 when he rescued a young German woman from under a tree during a heavy rainstorm. Out of touch for seven years after the incident, Harry found her again by writing to several newspapers in Wiesbaden. He flew back to Germany and married her. A devoted husband, 40 years later he could be heard ending phone conversations with her with a kiss into the phone.

Mr. Maitland was a decorated reporter and writer. He received a first place award for local government news writing in the 1972 statewide Keystone Press contest for his story on former Special County Prosecutor Richard A. Sprague's raid on county Republican headquarters. He was also honored by the Fraternal Order of Police and the Philadelphia Citizens Crime Commission, which recognized him for outstanding police reporting. Finally, in 1985, the Delaware County Police Chiefs Association named him Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Maitland also served his community as a fireman. He was one of the first junior members of the Green Ridge Fire Co. in Aston. In 1990, I presented Mr. Maitland with a special award from the Delaware County Firemen's Association.

Mr. Speaker, I call on my colleagues to recognize the life of a good and honorable man. Harry Maitland, respected and admired by his colleagues and his readers was described by one of his co-workers as a "reporter's reporter". Mr. Speaker, Delaware County is a better place thanks to the life and contributions of men like Harry Maitland.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE CLEAN AIR COMMUNITIES PROJECT PARTNERS

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2002*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to The Clean Air Commu-

nities Project Partners for their commitment to implementing technologies that will ensure that the air that we breathe is cleaner.

In 1999, Clean Air Communities was created by Natural Resources Defense Council, Northeast States Clean Air Foundation, Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management, Con Edison, and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to promote clean energy strategies and to reduce pollution.

On October 7, 2002, this coalition of private and public partners announced the launch of New York City's largest commercial solar electric system in Brooklyn, New York. Clean Air Communities, New York State Energy Research & Development Authority, Greenpoint Manufacturing and Design Center, and PowerLight joined together to fund this exciting new project which will generate and store electricity while reducing the demand on New York's power grid.

In bringing together public and private partners around projects like this, Clean Air Communities continues to demonstrate that these collaborative partnerships work: to achieve better air quality; to increase our energy security and independence; and to provide real alternatives to the communities most in need in our city.

The solar panel array will convert sunlight directly into electricity, thereby generating clean electrical power. By relying on solar energy, some of the harmful emissions that pollute the air and cause health problems will be eliminated.

I believe that it is critical that we invest our resources in developing new technologies to expand the possible uses of renewable energy. We know far too well the dangers that climate changes can pose to the global environment. By utilizing renewable energies, we can help to reverse the negative effects that decades of reliance on fossil fuels have caused. Moreover, renewable energies will help to accommodate the growing demand that the increasing world population places upon the environment.

I commend Clean Air Communities for advancing air quality, renewable energy alternatives, and environmental justice in New York and applaud their efforts in creating model initiatives such as this.

#### TRIBUTE TO JACQUELINE ESMEIJER

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2002*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Disability Employment Awareness Month to honor Jacqueline Esmeijer of Santa Rosa, California. Born 27 years ago with cerebral palsy, Jackie has demonstrated throughout her life that the condition does not define who she is or what she can do.

Jackie recently completed a video, "Positively Enabled," that conveys just this message. A student at Santa Rosa Junior College, Jackie made the film as a psychology project. It shows the normal life that she leads and her many accomplishments at school including founding Tech Savvy, a club that takes students behind the scenes of Telecom Valley

companies. She also served as vice-president of the Petaluma Campus Council. She plans to produce a series focusing on how someone with a different physical or mental challenge can change preconceptions.

In Jackie's words, her life and her video make a statement that "people with disabilities accomplish much more than is often seen and deserve credit for doing so."

Mr. Speaker, President Bush has designated October National Employment Disability Awareness Month. It is with great pride that I salute Jacqueline Esmeijer during this time for showing us all that disabilities are only challenges and not the essence of a human being.

#### RECOGNIZING THREE GEORGIA SCHOOLS AS STATE CHAMPIONS OF THE PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND FITNESS AWARDS PROGRAM

**HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2002*

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Allatoona Elementary School of Acworth, GA, Athens Academy, of Athens, GA, and New Testament Christian Academy of Stockbridge, GA, on being named a "State Champion" by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. These schools were selected based on their high achievements in the President's Challenge Physical Activity and Fitness Awards Program.

Available to all schools around the country since 1958, the President's Challenge Physical Fitness offers recognition and awards for fitness to all participating students. The State Champion award is presented each year to schools with the greatest number of students scoring at or above the 85th percentile on the President's Challenge. In each state, three State Champions are chosen based on total enrollment.

It is my pleasure to honor these schools today in their attempt to battle a national health crisis among our Nation's youth. Mr. Speaker, please join me in promoting health to the young people of the United States by further stressing the importance of greater physical fitness. Again, I would like to commend these schools for accepting the President's challenge and helping create a healthier nation.

#### CHILDREN'S NETWORK OF SOLANO COUNTY CELEBRATES 20TH AN- NIVERSARY

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2002*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to invite our colleagues to join us in recognizing the Children's Network of Solano County as it celebrates its 20th anniversary.

Since its inception in 1982, the Children's Network has worked to improve the lives of children in Solano County. Once an organization that focused primarily on low-income and